



2017 Pro Golf Tour General Regulations

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PREAMBLE

- 1) The Pro Golf Tour, is recognised by the European Tour as part of the Satellite (third level) Tour Series, has been created to give young professionals the opportunity to play on a professional stage and to achieve a category on the European Challenge Tour and/or exemptions from Stage 1 of the European Tour Qualifying School. As its main purposes are both, the strengthening of professional golf as well as professionalism in golf, all its activities will be focused on fulfilling these purposes.
- 2) In the following, using the terms “Professional”, “Players”, “Members” or “Participant” in the male form only is due to mere practical reasons for better readability and includes all female members and/or guests of the Pro Golf Tour. References to the “Pro Golf Tour” mean the legal obligations of its organiser EPDT Golf Tours GmbH as set out in section J).
- 3) These 2017 Pro Golf Tour General Regulations (thereafter, “General Regulations”), including the Pro Golf Tour Code of Behaviour, shall govern the Pro Golf Tour as stipulated in the following sections:

A) MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS

1) General

- a) A member is defined as a participant of the Pro Golf Tour, enlisted in the Pro Golf Tour Ranking.
- b) All applications by an eligible member must be confirmed by the Pro Golf Tour in order to grant full membership status. An eligible member of the Pro Golf Tour shall be regarded as a full member for the current season upon receipt of individual membership confirmation by the Pro Golf Tour. The Pro Golf Tour is entitled to choose their members freely, except for eligible members according to A) 2 a) and d).
- c) To obtain full membership rights, a player who is eligible for membership must pay his membership fee.
- d) To be included in the final 2017 ranking a player must be a full member and must have played in at least 4 PGT tournaments during the 2017 season.
- e) Non-members may play a maximum of 3 tournaments in one season.
- f) On becoming a member of the Pro Golf Tour, the said member voluntarily submits himself to standards of behaviour and ethical conduct beyond those required of ordinary golfers and members of the public.

2) Membership Eligibility

Only Pro Golf Tour members will qualify for inclusion in the Pro Golf Tour Ranking. The following persons are eligible for full membership of the Pro Golf Tour:

- a) Any member of a National PGA.
- b) Members of recognised Professional Tours.
- c) Non-Affiliated Members shall send a letter of recommendation from a certified PGA Professional and a proof of their playing ability.
- d) Amateurs: Amateurs are not eligible to become members of the Pro Golf Tour, however, they may in accordance with A) 3) take part in Pro Golf Tour tournaments and be included in the Pro Golf Tour Ranking.

3) Amateurs

Only amateurs with a handicap of -3,4 or better (Proof of handicap and a recommendation letter from a PGA Professional required before an entry is accepted) may participate in a Pro Golf Tour tournament. (Professionals will always have priority over amateurs regarding entries.)

4) Termination of Membership

Duration of validity: January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. A player eligible to be a full member of the Pro Golf Tour as defined above shall cease to be a member in the occurrence of one or more of the following:

- a) Resignation by the member.
- b) Expulsion by the Tournament Staff or the Board of Directors of the Pro Golf Tour as a result of a breach of the Pro Golf Tour Code of Behaviour including, but not limited to, established anti-doping policy as outlined in section E) 9).

5) Yearly Membership Fee

The yearly membership fee is € 250. The membership fee is not refundable.

6) Final Pro Golf Tour Ranking

- a) The leading players from the final 2017 Pro Golf Tour Ranking shall be eligible for category 13 of the 2018 European Challenge Tour. The precise number of players will be determined by the Challenge Tour.
- b) The leading players from the 2017 Pro Golf Tour Ranking by end of August, 2016 shall be exempt from Stage 1 of the 2017 European Tour Qualifying School. The precise number of players will be determined by the Challenge Tour.

B) PRO GOLF TOUR EVENTS

1) Format

Each tournament will be a minimum of 36 holes. For events with more than 36 holes, a minimum of the top 40 players and ties will qualify for the final round(s).

In case a player(s) gets disqualified after the second round and the tee times for round three have been published and this would lead to fewer than 40 players progressing to the final round, only that number will be eligible to play the final round and receive prize money.

2) Tournament Field

- a) The normal starting field for an event will be 156 players if not otherwise announced.
- b) The size of the field will be determined by the Tournament Director after taking into consideration course restrictions and available hours of daylight.
- c) Final: To qualify for the Pro Golf Tour final, a player must have competed in a minimum of three (3) Pro Golf Tour tournaments during the 2017 season (exceptions wild cards).
- d) A professional golfer must be at least 18 years old to be able to participate in a Pro Golf Tour tournament. Any player under this age may request for special permission to be able to play.

3) Eligibility

Entries will be accepted in category order as stipulated in section D 2) of these General Regulations until the field is complete.

4) Ties

A sudden death play-off will be used to determine the winner if there is a tie for first place. If a playoff involves more than two players, those other than the winner will be deemed to have tied for second place regardless of their scores in the play-off. Ties on other positions will not be subject to play-offs.

5) Taxes

All prize money in these General Regulations is shown in net prior to the deduction of local withholding taxes and without local VAT. The taxation of services by the Pro Golf Tour depends on the player's individual tax status. To guarantee a correct taxation of payments settled by and to the Pro Golf Tour all players are obliged to inform the Pro Golf Tour concerning their tax status and any changes there to.

All players are responsible for the correct handling of their tax obligations regarding appearance and prize money.

Please note the information on page 16 (appendix A).

6) Pre Tournament ProAm

The starting field for ProAm events will be shared between invited players and the Pro Golf Tour ranked players. Players registered for the tournament are obliged to play in the ProAm. Refusal or no show will lead to disqualification of a player in the respective tournament. Unless otherwise informed professionals playing in the ProAm are obliged to register one hour before the starting time in the tournament office. The Pro Golf Tour shall have the final right of refusal. Players subject to etiquette and player misconduct violations may be removed from the ProAm list and be fined accordingly. Fine: up to € 250.

The playing format for ProAm Tournaments, if not otherwise announced, will be as follows: Each team will consist of the professional and three (3) amateurs. There is only a team competition, no individual professional competition. The professional will be responsible for the team scorecard. Professionals playing in the ProAm will receive an appearance fee of € 100. If not otherwise announced. B) 5) applies accordingly

Practice: Practice strokes are **NOT** permitted during a ProAm (Rule 7-2).

7) Prize Money

- a) Prize money will be listed in Euro (€). All Pro Golf Tour events will pay out the top 40 professionals and ties making the cut. The following breakdown percentages are applicable to all regular Pro Golf Tour events. The exact prize money relating to position and total prize purse will be posted on site at each event. 3% of the prize money will be kept for contingency fund.

Prize money breakdown:

1	0,1666667	11	0,0236667	21	0,0140000	31	0,0113333
2	0,1000000	12	0,0213333	22	0,0136667	32	0,0111667
3	0,0666667	13	0,0196667	23	0,0133333	33	0,0110000
4	0,0500000	14	0,0180000	24	0,0130333	34	0,0108333
5	0,0450000	15	0,0170000	25	0,0127333	35	0,0106667
6	0,0403333	16	0,0163333	26	0,0124333	36	0,0105000
7	0,0360000	17	0,0156667	27	0,0121667	37	0,0103667
8	0,0320000	18	0,0151667	28	0,0119333	38	0,0102333
9	0,0286667	19	0,0147667	29	0,0117000	39	0,0101000
10	0,0260000	20	0,0143667	30	0,0115000	40	0,0100000

All Amateurs participating and appearing on any final results lists of any Pro Golf Tour event have relinquished their rights of accepting prize money. Ties: If an amateur is among those being tied, he will be ranked as the last player of the group. The hypothetic prize money will not be included in the overall prize money of the tied players. The prize money for consequent players or groups of players will start at the position of the tied amateur player.

- b) All members are obliged to inform the Pro Golf Tour concerning their current address and bank details as well as any changes there to.
- c) In any case, the prize money breakdown for each tournament will be published on site and will be decisive. Prize money will not be paid to any player who is disqualified.

8) Official Ranking System

The official points list will be used as the Official Pro Golf Tour Ranking.

The points will be attributed to the Pro Golf Tour Ranking by converting euros in points (1 euro = 1 point).

To avoid encroaching upon professional's rights, an amateur will receive points corresponding to his final result. Prize money will be paid only to professional players. Amateurs waive their right to receive prize money.

C) PRO GOLF TOUR SCHEDULE

Events may be changed or added to the scheduled list, provided that sufficient notice can be communicated to the members.

D) ADMINISTRATION AND CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENTS

1) Tournament Administration

The Tournament Director or any other person to whom the Tour Staff delegate's authority shall administer the tournament in accordance with the provisions stipulated in these General Regulations or as supplemented or amended by any subsequent regulation, pursuant to section I). The Tournament Director may refer any matters to the Tournament Staff. Any player has the right to appeal at the next Tournament Staff meeting on matters other than decisions given under the Royal and Ancient Rules of Golf, current European Tour Conditions of Competition and Local Rules and the Local Rules of the Host Club as approved by the Pro Golf Tour Tournament Director.

NOTE:

The Pro Golf Tour shall be responsible for advising all members of the tournament schedule, conditions and regulations of the Pro Golf Tour. The Pro Golf Tour shall be responsible for computation and publishing of the Ranking, which will be available to the press and players.

2) Starting Fields for Pro Golf Tour Ranking Tournaments 2016

The categories listed below shall be eligible to enter Pro Golf Tour Ranking Tournaments. If the maximum number of places available to players wishing to enter the Tournament is exceeded, priority will be given sequentially from the following categories:

- CAT 1 Winners of Pro Golf Tour Tournaments 2016
- CAT 2 TOP 20 of the final Pro Golf Tour Ranking 2016
- CAT 3 TOP 10 of the Qualifying School 2016
- CAT 4 TOP 5 of the Pro Golf Tour Ranking 2017 & Winners of Pro Golf Tour Tournaments 2017
- CAT 5 TOP 5 of the final Pro Golf Tour Ranking 2012 - 2015
- CAT 6 Players finishing in positions 21-50 in the final Pro Golf Tour Ranking 2016
- CAT 7 Eight invitations to be decided by the Pro Golf Tour
- CAT 8 Players finishing in positions 11-40 of the Qualifying School 2016
- CAT 9 Players finishing in positions 51-90 in the final Pro Golf Tour Ranking 2016
- CAT 10 Players finishing in positions 41-70 of the Qualifying School 2016

A player can only be in one category. In the instance where a player has two categories, the higher category will count. If an amateur receives a category through the Q School Final Pro Golf Tour Ranking, he must turn professional by the 1st of May 2017, otherwise he will forfeit his category.

Sorting within CAT 3 / CAT 8 / CAT 10:

The sorting within the Categories above is by the final position of the Pro Golf Tour - Qualifying School 2016.

All tied scores will be ranked by a score card playoff as follows:

- (a) the best last 18 holes
- (b) the best last 9, 6, 3, 2 & 1 holes (holes 10 to 18).

Note to Category 4: To receive a spot through this category the player must have registered for the tournament and be in the top 5 of the PRO Golf Tour order of merit directly before the tournament.

The categories do not count for the Pro Golf Tour Final. The field based on the Pro Golf Tour Ranking on the entry deadline. The Pro Golf Tour reserves the right to allow wild cards.

Each tournament may include a national field for the national federation. The size of the national field will be announced prior the event.

3) Entry Regulations and Procedures

a) Entry Procedures

Each member wishing to enter a tournament must enter using the online registration system on: www.progolftour.de

b) Confirmation of Entry

A confirmation of entry will be sent to the member's email address as detailed on his membership subscription or any current address advised to the Pro Golf Tour. Amateurs will receive a confirmation after entry deadline. Professionals will always be given priority over amateurs regarding entries until registration deadline.

c) Entry Closing Date

Entries must be received by the Pro Golf Tour no later than 12:00 hrs central European time, on the closing date listed in the tournament calendar and the online registration form.

d) Entry Fee, Participation

Members or PGA of Germany professionals for regular events: € 250
Non-members: € 300
Amateurs: € 200

The entry fee must be received within two days after the entry deadline of the event or a late-payment fee of € 50 may be added to the total amount.

e) Payment Method

Payment can be made by credit card, bank transfer or automatic bank withdrawal (the latter only with a German bank account).

Account name: EPDT Golf Tours GmbH
Bank: Deutsche Bank AG München
BIC/SWIFT: DEUTDEMMXXX
IBAN: DE03 7007 0010 0161 6101 00

Postal address
EPDT Golf Tours GmbH
Landsberger Straße 290
80687 München/Germany
Telephone: +49-(0)89-179588-48
Telefax: +49-(0)89-179588-49

All incurring bank charges and costs are at the expense of the player.

f) Players' Responsibility

Each player is responsible to make sure his entry fee has been received by the Pro Golf Tour by the closing date and to check his current status for each event.

4) Withdrawals Policy

- a) Tournament withdrawals will only be accepted in writing via email.
- b) A player must email his withdrawal to the Tour Office (tournament@progolftour.de).
- c) A player who is absent on the tee may be fined up to € 200. It is emphasized that the only exception to this rule is for extreme personal circumstances.
- d) A competitor is not entitled to withdraw during the play of any round of a tournament. Exception: Emergency reasons or medical circumstances deemed reasonable by the Tournament Director.
- e) Please note the separate Withdrawal Policies for all tournaments in Egypt and Morocco.

5) Refund Policy

- a) No refunds will be issued without proof of payment.
- b) All refund requests must be submitted to the Tour Office in writing.
- c) No administrative fee will be assessed for withdrawals prior to the entry deadline.
An administration fee of €100 will be charged for all cancellations received after the entry deadline, if not otherwise announced. Please note the separate Refund Policies for all tournaments in Egypt and Morocco.

NOTE: It is not the intent of the Pro Golf Tour to penalize any player who qualifies for a Challenge Tour or European Tour event held at the same time as he has registered for a Pro Golf Tour event. Therefore, no administrative fees will be assessed against any player who qualifies for a Challenge Tour or European Tour event and withdraws two (2) days before the start of the event. Proof of start at a Challenge Tour or European Tour event must be submitted immediately to the Pro Golf Tour office.

6) Event Registration

- a) Onsite registration is mandatory for all players competing in a PGT event.
- b) Players may register in person in the tournament office, by phone (see the CIS for the relevant telephone number), or email tournament@progolftour.de. Any player who fails to register by the required time, normally 12:00 local time on the day before the start of the tournament, (The registration deadline can be found in the CIS), and still wishes to play, will incur a fine of €50.
- c) Participation in the Pre-Tournament Pro-Am will be recognised as registration.
- d) A player is only officially registered when the PGT office has received the appropriate entry fee for the tournament

7) Starting Times

Starting times will be published as follows:

- a) Homepage www.progolftour.de
- b) On site Tournament Office
- c) Notice Board

8) Practice Regulations

- a) It is the responsibility of each competitor to make his own arrangements to play a practice round. Please pay attention to the information about practice rounds listed in the competition information sheet.
- b) During practice rounds only one ball shall be in play with the following exceptions:
 - i. If a player misses the green with his shot to the green, he may play one additional shot.
 - ii. Not more than three chip shots may be played from beside the green provided such practice does not damage the course.
 - iii. Only one bunker shot may be played towards the green from a green side bunker. All other practice bunker shots must be played away from the green. Only three practice putts are permitted.
 - iv. In any case, notwithstanding what has been stipulated in subsections (i) through (iii) above, no additional practice strokes shall be played if a group behind is waiting to play.
 - v. The penalty for breach of the aforesaid provisions listed above is € 50, doubling for subsequent offences.
- c) ProAm days: Tee times can be booked in the tournament office prior to the ProAm. Players are to abide by the times they have booked. Practice on the course of any kind during the ProAm is prohibited. Fine: Up to €150.

NOTE: Dress Code and Code of Behaviour policies are in force on all official practice days (e.g. no buggies, shorts may be worn on practice and ProAm days provided they are tailored and predominantly of one colour).

9) Official Time

The local time at the place of the individual tournament is the official time for all (tournament) purposes.

10) Reduction of Rounds

- a) The Pro Golf Tour Staff will make every effort to complete all rounds of the tournament as scheduled. Occasionally, circumstances including, but not limited to bad weather conditions or lack of light do not allow the completion of the rounds. If a minimum of 54 holes is scheduled, all players must complete 18 holes for the event to be considered official. If a minimum of 36 holes is scheduled all players must complete 18 holes for the event to be considered official. If these goals are not met, all efforts will be made to reschedule the event. If rescheduling is impossible, a full refund (less administrative costs) will be issued.
- b) Suspension of Play
 - i. If, during a tournament, it becomes necessary to suspend play, three (3) intermittent blasts on a klaxon will be sounded to the players. On being advised of suspension, competitors may either cease play immediately OR complete the hole they are playing. Competitors shall not play any shot from the teeing ground unless any player in his group has commenced play on that hole.
 - ii. If, during a tournament, it becomes necessary to suspend play for a dangerous situation (e.g. lightning), players must discontinue play immediately. A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signalled by a prolonged note of the klaxon.
 - iii. If play is suspended for a dangerous situation or in the event that such a situation occurs outside the hours of play, players must cease from using all practice facilities immediately. Notification of all practice facilities re-opening after closure will be issued either by a member of the Pro Golf Tour field staff or through the official notice board. Note: Noncompliance with sub paragraph ii and iii will lead to disqualification unless otherwise decided by the committee.
- c) Resumption of Play

As soon as conditions allow play to be resumed, two (2) intermittent blasts on the klaxon will be signalled to the players. On being advised of resumption, play will be resumed immediately by all competitors on the course. Note: See Section D 4) c).
- d) Prize Money

In the event of the reduction in rounds of a tournament, the prize money shall be distributed by the Pro Golf Tour on its own discretion; the regular prize money breakdown, as stipulated above, may not be applicable.

11) Prize Presentation

If not otherwise announced the three leading players and ties must be present at the prize presentation. Fine for non-attendance: € 250. In ProAms preceding the tournaments, the winning players in all playing categories must be present. Fine for non-attendance: € 250

12) Official Recorders

Players must cooperate when asked for details of their scores by the Official Recorders on the course. Fine for non-cooperation: Up to € 250.

13) Media

- a) The public reputation of the Pro Golf Tour and its tournaments are valuable assets and create tangible benefits for all Pro Golf Tour members. It is an obligation of membership to refrain from comments to media that attack, disparage or criticise tournament sponsors or promoters, fellow competitors, the Pro Golf Tour or its officials. Reasonable expressions of legitimate disagreement with Pro Golf Tour policies are not prohibited. However, all public comments of such nature that a member knows, or should reasonably know, may harm the reputation or interests of a tournament sponsor, promoter, fellow competitor, the Pro Golf Tour or its officials are prohibited. Any contravention of this regulation shall be regarded as a breach of the Code of Behaviour. Fine: Up to € 250.
- b) To ensure maximum goodwill, it is essential that competitors make every effort to support all public relations and media activities. This, among other things, includes compliance with reasonable requests from the Tournament Press Officer to attend the Press Centre to

cooperate with the media immediately after the completion of a Tournament Round. Fine: Up to € 250.

14) Conflicting Advertising & Player Endorsements

- a) No player or his caddie will be permitted during the play of a tournament to wear or display any advertising matter which, in the opinion of the Tournament Director, may embarrass a Sponsor or place in jeopardy the conduct of the tournament. In all cases, approval to wear conflicting advertising must be obtained from the Executive Director or his appointed representative prior to the commencing of the tournament. Fine: Up to € 250 or disqualification.
- b) No competitor or his caddie will, during the play of a tournament, be permitted to conduct business in the way of selling and/or promoting any product without the written permission of the Pro Golf Tour. Fine: Up to € 250 or disqualification.
- c) Logo Size, Location and Quantity: Logos on a Player's clothing and headwear must be in good taste as to size, location and quantity. No logo on any item shall exceed 3"x5" (75 x 130mm). As a guideline, the following sizes are considered reasonable:
 - Hat: Logos which do not exceed 3"x5" (75 x 130mm). 1 logo front or back and 2 smaller logos each side.
 - Shirts, Jumpers, Waterproof tops: Generally accepted locations are as follows: Right and left breast: 3"x2" (75 x 50mm). 1 logo each side Right and left sleeve: 3"x2" (75 x 50mm). 1 logo each side Right and left collar: 1 logo each side Yoke: 3"x5" (75 x 130mm). 1 centrally positioned logo.

Examples of unacceptable size/locations include: Across the back of a shirt, jumper or waterproof top, down the length of either sleeve, down the length of a Player's trouser legs and rear-end area of a Player's trousers, (including waterproof trousers). Fine: Up to € 250 or disqualification.

15) Note on Conditions of Competition and European Tour Rules

All competitors should secure a copy of the PGA European Tour Conditions of Competition and Pro Golf Tour Rules Hard Card. This explains any Rule that affects or modifies a Rule of Golf. Rules governing play shall be:

- i. The current R&A Rules of Golf.
- ii. Updated list of confirmed driving clubs and balls at www.randa.org.
- iii. The current Pro Golf Tour Rules Hard Card
- iv. The Local Rules of the Host Club as approved by the Tournament Director.

16) Pace of Play

Please note that the Pace of Play penalties during a tournament are adjusted for the Pro Golf Tour as follows:

Monitoring: If a group fails to respond after being asked by an official to speed up, they will be monitored from the next tee. The group will be informed that they are being monitored.

- Any player who exceeds the time allowed to make a stroke will be assessed a "Monitoring Bad Time"
- Any player having received a "Monitoring Bad Time" will be officially timed from the next tee unless the group has gained at least two minutes for that hole, or is back in position.
- If a group which is being monitored fails to make up time or loses further time (without good reason), the group, or those players within the group who are deemed to be the cause of the delay will be officially timed from the next tee. The "Timing" will stop when the group is on time or back in position.

A Monitoring Bad time will have the same status as an official bad time except it will not count towards any golfing penalty and will not appear on the official bad time register. The fines for bad times will be the same as if the group/player is being officially timed.

A group will only be monitored once during a round. If, during the same round, the group is seen to be behind time again they will be automatically officially timed. The group will be informed they are being timed.

All other parts of the Condition of Competition on the PGT Hard Card relating to pace of Play are still in force EXCEPT that players will be advised when they are being either monitored or timed.

Official timing:

Bad Times:

One bad time:	Verbal warning from Official
Two bad times:	One stroke penalty and € 100 fine
Three bad times:	Two stroke penalty and € 200 fine
Four bad times:	Disqualification

In addition, any player will, on receipt of their 2nd bad time within a tour season, be fined € 200. Further bad times will be fined € 200 per instance. This rule is included to stop persistently slow players. Records of bad times will be kept and will be published for player's information. Additionally, any player who has been timed on five different occasions within one season will be fined € 100. A player reaching 10 timings will be fined € 250 and a further fine of € 400 for each subsequent 5 occasion of timings. This applies even if the player has not received a bad time.

17) Caddie Regulations

Caddies are the responsibility of the player employing them. Any breach of the following regulations will be deemed to be a breach by the player. Fine: € 100, doubling for subsequent offences.

- a) Caddies will not be permitted to wear jeans. This dress code will be in effect from start to finish at each event including practice days and Pro-Am days. Shorts may be worn on any day provided they are tailored and predominantly of one colour
- b) No player having competed in the same tournament round may caddie for another player.
- c) Caddies are not permitted to mark players' scorecards.
- d) Other than in practice rounds, caddies are not permitted to test the surface of the putting greens on the course.
- e) Caddies, who intend to walk on the greens during practice or competition rounds, are not permitted to wear spiked (including pimple/traction bar style) golf shoes or indeed any type of footwear that it is evident is disturbing/damaging the surface of the greens".
- f) Caddies may be required to wear name bibs provided by a sponsor and/or Pro Golf Tour.

18) Dress Code

All Pro Golf Tour players are expected to dress appropriately and maintain a clean and well-groomed appearance at all Pro Golf Tournament sites and associated functions. The following dress code will be enforced; breaches will be sanctioned with a fine of up to € 150.

- a) A collared shirt worn inside the trousers.
- b) Trousers: Jeans of any colour are not acceptable. Shorts may be worn on practice and ProAm days provided they are tailored and predominantly of one colour
- c) Pro-Am Dinner: Jacket, tie if required, no jeans and t-shirts.
- d) Only soft spikes are allowed if not otherwise announced.
- e) When onsite golf caps are to be worn the correct way around eg. the peak to the front.
- f) The wearing of skin tight shirts is not acceptable

NOTE: This dress code will be in effect from start to finish at each event including practice days.

19) Non-Competitive Play

The Tournament Director reserves the right to remove a player at any time during a tournament, for non competitive play, if he feels that fellow competitors are being put in an unfair situation, or if it would be detrimental to the image of the Pro Gold Tour.

20) Changes to the conditions of a competition

The committee reserves the right to change the conditions of a competition before the start of any stipulated round, if circumstances arise which warrant such changes.

These changes include, but are not limited to:

- a) A change to the local rules,
- b) A change to start times and/or groups,
- c) A change to a stipulated round, i.e. a reduction of holes,
- d) A change to the overall conditions of a competition

After the start of any stipulated round, changes may only be made in extreme circumstances

E) CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

This Code of Behaviour describes the general rules of conduct that apply to each participant including players, their coaches, caddies, guests, officials and tournament organisers of Pro Golf Tour tournaments and/or other official events.

It commits all of the above named persons to assure the highest standard of fair play which includes respect for all concerned persons at the Pro Golf Tour as well as the rules and etiquette of the game of golf. It is not possible to list all standards of conduct that are expected. In general, members must practice the most important codes, which are "Integrity, Fairness and Respect", for all concerned and the sport of golf.

1) Abuse of Equipment and Balls

Players and their supporters shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a club, other equipment or a ball during the game, especially out of anger or frustration. Fine: Up to € 250.

2) Physical and Verbal Abuse

Players and their supporters shall not at any time physically or verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. As a verbal abuse is regarded any statement directed at another person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive. Fine: Up to € 250.

3) Audible Obscenity

Players and their supporters shall not use audible obscenities within the precincts of tournament site. As an audible obscenity is regarded the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard. Fine: Up to € 250.

4) Visible Obscenity

Players and their supporters shall not make obscene gestures while they are on the premises of the tournament. Any signs made with the body or equipment which is commonly recognised as obscene will be regarded as a visible obscenity. Fine: Up to €250.

5) Alcohol

Players and their supporters shall not drink alcohol during the tournament rounds. They shall not be under the influence of alcohol while they are playing the tournament. Fine: € 250.

6) Injurious Conduct

The players and their supporters shall not do anything that could injure the reputation of the Pro Golf Tour or any of its members and shall not do anything that is contrary to the Pro Golf Tour General Regulations, e.g. libel or slander against officials, members or sponsors. Fine: Up to € 250.

7) Goodwill

Players and their supporters shall at all time act in the best interests of the Pro Golf Tour and the game of golf. They are obliged to enhance the prestige of the Pro Golf Tour and the sport of golf even beyond the place of tournament. That includes correct behaviour on and outside the golf course, obedience of rules and polite and fair behaviour in general. Fine: up to € 250.

8) Etiquette

Players shall always (no exceptions) properly replace their divots, rake bunkers and repair their pitch marks. Fine: up to € 250.

9) Anti-Doping Policy

The Pro Golf Tour is committed to maintaining the integrity of golf and has become a devout proponent of eliminating the use of doping. All players participating in the Pro Golf Tour are required to comply with and be bound by the Anti-Doping Policy adopted by the PGA European Tour Anti-Doping Policy and the World Anti-Doping Code promulgated by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). Players should be aware that, under the Anti Doping Policy, if a player is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, he may face disqualification both from the tournament at which he was tested (or otherwise committed the violation) and from any subsequent tournament in which he participated until provisionally suspended or rendered ineligible under the Policy. Disqualification in such cases includes the loss of all results, points and prize money.

Note: The current updated List of Prohibited Substances is available from the WADA website (www.wada-ama.org)

F) FINES

All fines are paid without VAT. All fines shall be, in case of subsequent misconduct, subject to doubling.

Non-payment of fines will result in the withholding of any prize money won. A player may offset a fine with any prize money due to him.

G) DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Breaches of the Code of Behaviour or any other regulations as stipulated in these General Regulations shall be sanctioned by the Pro Golf Tournament Director or the Chief Referee at each event. Disciplinary decisions are not subject to appeal.

H) DATA PROTECTION & MEDIA RIGHTS

It is the very goal of Pro Golf Tour to ensure the protection of your personal data. Pro Golf Tour will strike balance between the appropriate but necessary use of your personal data and their security. For that reason, we inform what data we are going to collect, how we use it and where a member can turn to with concerns and requests.

1) Personal Data

All personal or material circumstances that can be referred directly or indirectly to the member are in the scope of this agreement. Such information will include: contact details, career/tournament history, portrayal, bank account information, details of disciplinary matters, performance statistics.

This Agreements also encompasses health data, especially for doping investigations, see 4 ii)

2) Responsible Institution

The responsible Institution for the use of such personal data is: EPDT Golf Tours GmbH, Landsberger Straße 290, D-80687 Munich.

3) Use of Data

Member's personal data will only be collected, stored, modified, transferred or otherwise used (hereinafter: use of data):

- i. for the purpose of this agreement as set out in H 4) or
- ii. according to the German Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG) or any relevant legislation that permits such use of data, e.g. the German Artistic Copyright Act (KUG).

Within this framework, personal data can be transferred to and used by entities other than the Responsible Institution. Personal data will be stored for the time its use can serve at least one of the aforementioned permissions. Accordingly, personal data can be stored and used after the member has resigned or died.

4) Purpose of Use

For the purpose of this agreement personal member data will be used for the following;

- i. conduct of this golf tour and the conduct of future tournaments of the same kind, e.g. registration, organisation, collection and distribution of membership fees, public relations, public announcements on the golf course, communication with members, media or sponsors;
- ii. conduct of disciplinary measures and investigation or prosecution of civil or criminal misbehaviour or breach of contract, e.g. doping offenses;
- iii. licensing and exploitation of media that support this and future golf tours' acceptance in the public, with other media or sponsors, e.g. display of and advertising with member's portrayals in videos or pictorial forms. Member's possible entitlement to license fees is fully satisfied with the right to participate in the tournament.

Health data will only be used for the purposes set out in 4 ii), notwithstanding the purposes of any relevant legislation.

5) Consent, Revocation and Consequences

In order to close this agreement, the member has to consent to the use of data according to the aforementioned regulations. He or she can access the declaration of consent under:
<http://www.pga.de/progolftour-de-tour-rules.html>

The member may revoke this consent with effect in the future by notifying the responsible Institution. Upon Revocation of consent, the Pro Golf Tour is empowered to terminate the entire agreement. The Revocation does not affect the use of data according to relevant legislation under 3 ii).

I) LACK OF PERFORMANCE, DAMAGES, ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

1) Lack of Performance

The Pro Golf Tour is not liable for the performance of any tour event, if such an event is limited or cancelled because of circumstances not foreseeable and not caused by Pro Golf Tour (force majeure), e.g. bad weather, strikes. In such cases, Pro Golf Tour is not obliged to repeat the event in part or total.

2) Liability

Furthermore, the Pro Golf Tour shall not be liable for any damages, caused by, its representatives, employees or agents, notwithstanding the liability under the following regulations:

- i. damages arising from intentional or gross negligently behaviour;
- ii. damages arising from loss of life, bodily injury, damage to the health of a person or under the German Product Liability Act (ProdHaftG);
- iii. damages arising from the culpable breach of major contractual obligations, i.e. obligations which initially allow the due performance of the contract and whose fulfilment could usually be expected by the contracting partner.
- iv. Pro Golf Tour's liability is limited to reasonably foreseeable damages in the case of

- (1) an unintentional or non-gross-negligent breach of major contractual obligations (minor negligence)
- (2) any gross negligent conduct by non-executive staff except to loss of life, bodily injury or damage to the health of a person by such conduct.

The Pro Golf Tour strongly recommends that each player takes out a liability insurance if he has not already done so.

3) Electronic Information

Notwithstanding I 2), any information of Pro Golf Tour displayed or conveyed automatically by means of electronic communication is not legally binding unless confirmed in a personal communicate addressed to the member. Pro Golf Tour disclaims all liability arising from such automatically created or otherwise unaudited content, as e.g. field, rankings and tour statistics.

J) ALTERATIONS

The Pro Golf Tour is entitled to alter the following 2017 Pro Golf Tour Regulations according to the following principles:

- (1) The Pro Golf Tour informs the member about the alterations, their time und circumstances of coming into effect and the member's right to reject the alterations;
- (2) inasmuch as these alterations affect Pro Golf Tour 's performance, they shall appropriately consider the member's interest in the promised performance;
- (3) the member is entitled to reject these alterations within six (6) weeks upon notice by Pro Golf Tour and
- (4) the alterations may not come into effect prior to six (6) weeks after the information of the member can be reasonably assumed.

The alterations come into effect, when the member agrees or does not object them within 6 weeks upon information by Pro Golf Tour according to lit. (1) or (4).

K) CONTACT DETAILS

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L) FINAL PROVISIONS

1) Applicable Law

These Rules shall be governed by the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany, excluding the CISG.

2) Jurisdiction

Any disputes under or in connection with this Agreement (including those regarding its validity) shall be exclusively settled in the courts of Munich, Germany.

3) Safeguard Clause

Should any provision of these Rules or any provision incorporated into this Rules in the future, be or become invalid or unenforceable, the validity or enforceability of the other provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

The invalid or unenforceable provision shall be deemed to be substituted by a suitable and equitable provision which, to the extent legally permissible, comes as close as possible to the economic intent and purpose of the invalid or unenforceable provision.

The same shall apply:

- (1) if the Parties have, unintentionally, failed to address a certain matter in this Agreement; in this case a suitable and equitable provision shall be deemed to have been agreed upon which reflects what the Parties, in the light of the economic intent and purpose of this Agreement, would have agreed upon if they had considered the matter; or
- (2) if any provision of this Agreement is invalid because of the scope of any time period or performance stipulated herein; in this case a legally permissible time period or performance shall be deemed to have been agreed upon which comes as close as possible to the stipulated time period or performance.

Appendix A: Withholding Tax

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	Resident	Non – Resident Player
Germany	-	15,825% <small>Prize money: more than 250 €</small>
Austria	-	20,00%
Czech Republic	-	- <small>We inform you that you will have the obligation to pay your taxes in the Czech Republic <u>by your own</u>.</small>
Poland	-	10,00%
Egypt	-	-
Morocco	-	10,00%

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